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seventeenth Treatise

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

BY

A Woman-Quaker (all in white) called *Ahivah*.

WITH

Her Petition and Proposals for the Saints Liberties,

TO

Our Gracious Lord and Sovereign

# King CHARLES;

AND

A Declaration of the Quakers, touching His Royal Majesties Reign within these His Realms and Dominions.

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# The Quakers Message and Propositions, to Our Gracious Lord and Soveraign King CHARLES; Presented on Tuesday last, &c.

ON the 8th of this instant, came a person to *White-hall* arrayed in white garments, desiring to speak with his Majesty, for that she had a Work of great importance to communicate: Upon which, his Majesty having notice thereof, she had admittance to his Royal Presence; where she delivered this following Paper to his Sacred Majesty.

KING,

I Was your Messenger imposthened in Gods will concerning your return to this place so soon again: I was laid harbourless that same year that I saw the Vision of your return to England again, I do desire some liberty for my own practice of my own Household Ordinances, as I was chosen Messenger

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ger of your return again, and saw it Justice that you should have this Land again, so you do not oppress the weak Spirit of Gods Majesty in his Saints, but let them have recourse in whatsoever fashion God shall be pleased to raise himself in his Ministers; So I my self shall stand a mother in Gods house in these cases: I shall also intreat some liberty concerning my labour on your Sabbath. I do utterly defie all Jewish Forms of Religion, or keeping any one day above another; for in so doing you keep out the profession of Christs natures practice: May not such be left damned Souls, as the *Jewish People* was? which was always requiring a Saviour, and yet at last themselves left Vagabonds for want of the true Spirit to serve them with Wisdom, and the supply of Gods will in his Christ, which God had sent to be their Teacher and Saviour, both in his Sonne and Apostles: So you will be left in the same fashion, as your standing is now in these Nations, being divided in service, and all confusion, which will breed us a speedy destruction, except you will adhere to let the Saints make themselves a body in Christs fashion; and you your self must stand Protector of these occasions: So your Countrey will be blessed with this presence, more then any parts of the Dominions of the World besides you: So

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the Saints will have their Prerogatives, and your Souls will have ſalvation by their preſence, and your bleſſings will abound more then other Nations, as you ſhall conſent to theſe Propoſitions: So I reſt, Chriſt's Miniſter in this preſent hour,

*AMEN.*

I ſhall alſo intreat, that whenſoever God ſhall be pleaſed to manifeſt any of his fore-ſpeaking words, and they be brought forth to cry it in the open ſtreet, or any place of City or Countrey, that you will grant ſome protection by Conſtables, or ſome other means, that they be not abuſed in ſuch conditions, as I my ſelf have been; as being caſt into Bedlam, for a mad-body, for prophecying the return of your Majeſty ſome years ſince, to your Native Kingdome. And if my Father, God Almighty, had not made a way in my ſelf to get me out of their hands, I had bin deſtroyed for a mad body: For theſe conditions of God's action are ſtrange to your worlds underſtanding, in the time of God's action in Us. So I reſt,

*Your Miniſter, if you pleaſe to accept of my Office in Chriſt's Name,*

AHIVAH.

*A Petitioner for the Saints Liberties.*

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GReat is the hand of the Lord, (O King) in thy coming so far into Power again; and consider the cause of it (in the fear of the Lord) and thou wilt find, that it is, because they unto whom God gave such power over thee, were not faithfull unto God, but grieved the Spirit of the Lord with their hypocrisie from day to day, talking for Liberty, but behold they brought forth oppression, and so became worser then those that went before them, who did not profess so much for liberty in their words, but performed better *things* in their actions. Therefore let no man deceive thee, by perswading thee that these things are thus brought to pass, because the Kingdom was thy own proper right, and because it was with-held from thee contrary to all right, or, because those called *Royalists* are much more righteous than those, who are now fallen under thee; For I plainly declare unto thee, that this Kingdom, and all the Kingdoms of the Earth, are properly the Lords, & that he may, and doth give them unto whomsoever he pleaseth; and whensoever he pleaseth, he may take them away again, and give them unto others. As to thy Government, I do declare in the truth and presence of the Lord, many thousands being of the same mind with me that it is not for the name, that may be put upon a Government, that we either stand for or against; but it's a righteous Government (according to the higher power, which is according to that of God in every mans *conscience*) which we stand for, and earnestly desire after, both in things appertaining to God and Man; And we, for our selves desire no greater liberty, either in things religious, or in things civil betwixt man and man, than we desire all others might

might enjoy; and if such a Government as this be set up, we shall willingly submit unto Righteousness from the Supream Governour, as our duty; and yield all due lawfull obedience unto him and his Commands, by labouring in the power of the Lord; to bring down and to keep under the evil lust in people, which is the cause of all Wars and Rebellions, and transgression: And as much as in us lies, we shall endeavour to live peaceably with all men, and perswade others unto the same; and so, by a godly conversation, we shall be patterns unto others, and this will be an adorning of good Government and good Governours, and a help unto them, and this we resolve in the strength of the Lord to do.

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